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- 1. Willi Zaisser is returning from leave the first week of January. He is in process of moving his family from Dresden to Berlin.
- 2. Erich Mielke still has his offices in the building of the Hauptvervaltung für Ausbildung on Kurze Strasse in Berlin.
- 3. Chief Inspector Arthur Brandt, formerly chief of Intendantur in the Hauptverwaltung Volkspolizei, is now in charge of the People's Police School st Prora on Rügen (Category A).

4. Effective 1 January, a new T/O for paramilitary units is in force, to which the various units have the following strength:

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At the same time, the rating of a school commandant has been raised to Chief Inspector, and that of a Bereitschaft commandant to Inspector.

5. New projects which are in the planning stage include the development of the People's Police Hospital in Leipzig into a training school for medical personnel, and the use of the officers' school at Kochstedt (with a capacity of 300 students and a T/O calling for a cadre numbering 150) as an institute for advanced training for officers in the service of the HfA. However, the activation of new projects

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is impossible at present because of the critical shortage of housing. Some Bereitschaften are over strength now; this is the case at Erfurt, for example. The destruction by fire of the main building of the Boitzenburg Bereitschaft made it necessary to break up that unit, since no adequate housing was available elsewhere.

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